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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: **(A copy of a marked up version with markings to show changes made is attached hereto.)**

5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more features is located in a disposable or excess material portion of the object.

7 (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of applying a first target comprises applying the first target to approximate location on the object.

9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the first target or one or more of the second targets are coded.

10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the first target or one or more of the second targets are retro-reflective.

(Applicant's Remarks are set forth hereinbelow, starting on the following page.)

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims, before examination of the application in the U.S. National Phase is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2101/50764).

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

5. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 4,] Claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more features is located in a disposable or excess material portion of the object.

7 (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim,] Claim 1, wherein the step of applying a first target comprises applying the first target to approximate location on the object.

9. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim,] Claim 1, wherein the first target or one or more of the second targets are coded.

10. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim,] Claim 1, wherein the first target or one or more of the second targets are retro-reflective.